

Geronimo Cinsaut 2017

Technical information:

100% Cinsaut

W.O Stellenbosch/Paarl

Soil: Decomposed granite, clay-rich granite

Alcohol Vol%: 13%

pH: 3.46

Total acidity: 5.5g/l

In the vineyards:

The wine is made up of two parcels of fruit which are picked and vinified separately and only blended together before bottling. 60% of the fruit is from old (40 years) dryland bush vines in Stellenbosch, planted on decomposed granite soils. The remainder of the grapes are from 32 year old vineyards planted in clay rich granite soils in the Daljosafat area of Paarl.

In the cellar:

The Stellenbosch grapes were 100% whole bunch fermented and the Paarl grapes 60% whole bunch fermented with the rest being destemmed. All grapes left to ferment naturally with one punch down performed daily. The wines underwent malolactic fermentation separately in barrel. The wines were blended together after 9 months in old French oak barrels and bottled right after. The cinsaut is bottled earlier than our other red wines to maintain the crunchy fruit vibrancy unique to cinsaut. No enzymes or commercial yeast was used in making the wines.

Label story:

When I was a youngster growing up in Rawsonville myself and a few friends would hike up the mountain to a swimming spot that we discovered, to reach this spot/pool, we had to jump of a 5m cliff. When it was my turn to jump, hesitation would creep in and taking that leap seemed impossible. With my friend cheering me on and reminding me that I can do it, I would take a deep breath and take that leap of faith. That few seconds in the air is indescribable! Shouting GERONIMO out of the top of your lungs. For a few seconds in the air you feel like a bird just soaring in the sky. This wine/label reminds us of the big leap of faith we took starting this big venture of ours, with friends cheering and helping us, and making us realize that we can do it. This is also symbolized by the boy jumping off a cliff in the top left hand corner of the label. The label also shows a piece of our South African heritage in the form of the postage stamp depicting the South African national fish, the Galjoen.